

WAC 308-61-135 Miscellaneous provisions. (1) The properly executed written authority to tow or other evidence of lawful possession shall suffice in lieu of current license plates or trip permits for unauthorized or abandoned vehicles.

(2) Billing invoices must indicate the time of day when an unauthorized or abandoned vehicle arrived at the secure storage area.

(3) A seller's report of sale properly filed with the department on a form prescribed by the department shall relieve a registered owner from liability for costs incurred in the removal and storage of an unauthorized/abandoned vehicle, in addition to relieving that person from other liability pursuant to RCW [46.12.101](#).

(4) The junk vehicle affidavit of sale as described in RCW [46.55.230](#) may be used to sell a vehicle to a licensed hulk hauler, scrap processor, vehicle wrecking yard or it may be used as a supporting document for issuance of a title.

(5) A stored vehicle may be redeemed any time before the start of auctioning of that particular vehicle.

(6) The notification to be sent by first-class mail within twenty-four hours after the impound must be sent to any lessor or lessee, as well as to the last known registered and legal owner (lien

holder) of the vehicle.

(7) The written notice of the right of redemption and opportunity for a hearing to contest the validity of an impoundment, to be sent with the twenty-four hour impoundment notice on an unauthorized vehicle impoundment, must be separate and in addition to the notice of opportunity for a hearing given to those who redeem vehicles.

(8) As the record required in RCW [46.55.150](#)(2) the registered tow truck operator must keep a copy of its twenty-four-hour impound notice to law enforcement.

(9) Information contained in the master log must include:

(a) The dates of impound and release of vehicles;

(b) Storage lot used if multiple lots;

(c) If impound was from public or from private property and the location where the vehicle was impounded;

(d) Identity of vehicle by year, make, model, license number, and vehicle identification number;

(e) Dates of all required notices to law enforcement and to

vehicle owners;

(f) Date of auction advertisement and of auction;

(g) Amount of towing and storage lien;

(h) Amount of auction proceeds;

(i) Amount of surplus funds.

Entries on the master log must be made within seventy-two hours following the activity being logged.

~~(10) In compliance with the requirements of RCW 46.55.100 (4) as it relates to the reporting of abandoned vehicles sale by Registered Tow Truck Operators; To comply with RCW 46.55.100 (4), any tow truck companies~~ Registered Tow Truck Operators who have established an accounts with the department to use the Abandoned Vehicle Online system must file the Abandoned Vehicle Report – Affidavit of Sale through the online system. Any report Affidavits of Sale sent to the department by fax or mail will be returned to the appropriate tow truck company to be filed online.

~~(11) Tow truck companies~~ Registered Tow Truck Operators that have not established an account with the department to use the

Abandoned Vehicle Online system may continue to file the Abandoned Vehicle Report – Affidavit of Sale reports via fax or through the mail.

~~Any~~Incomplete or illegible ~~-reports received by~~sent to the department ~~that is incomplete or illegible~~will be returned to the appropriate tow truck company for correction.

~~These changes are promulgated in compliance with the requirements of RCW 46.55.100 (4) as they relate to the reporting of abandoned vehicles sale by Registered Tow Truck Operators~~